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21 YEAR OLD SAN CARLOS RESIDENT SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER AFTER CAR CRASH

PHOENIX, ARIZONA – The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced today that Leander Kay Jones, age 21, an enrolled member of the San Carlos Apache Indian Tribe and resident of Peridot, Arizona, was sentenced March 18, 2002, to 10 months in prison, to be followed by 6 months of residential alcohol abuse treatment, for Involuntary Manslaughter, by United States District Court Judge Earl H. Carroll, in Phoenix, Arizona. Along with the prison sentence, Jones was ordered to perform 200 hours of community service upon release from custody. After the defendant is released from custody, he will be supervised by a federal probation officer for three years. If he is caught drinking, using drugs or driving without a license during that time, he will face being returned to prison. The case arose after a car driven by Jones crashed and killed a 15 year-old passenger on January 1, 2001. Within 24 hours of the accident, Jones' blood was drawn for analysis. Jones' blood was determined to contain 0.303% w/v ethyl alcohol and 42.2 ng/ml of carboxy-THC (a metabolite of THC) by the Arizona Department of Public Safety. Jones previously plead guilty to involuntary manslaughter on December 4, 2001. The defendant has been in custody since November 27, 2001, and will remain in federal custody for the duration of his sentence.

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The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs with assistance from the San Carlos Police Department and the Arizona Department of Public Safety. The prosecution was handled by Frederick A. Battista, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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